

Mrs. Sparrow: Mr. Speaker, I believe the Hon. Member for York West (Mr. Marchi) mentioned in his opening remarks the handing over of some \$8 billion to the oil companies.

Mr. McDermid: What a crock!

Mrs. Sparrow: I wish to set the story straight. We did not hand the oil companies \$8 billion. It seems to me that in about 1980 or 1981 the Government of the day brought in the National Energy Program which instituted a form of double taxation. It imposed a well-head tax called the Petroleum and Gas Revenue Tax which, in effect, taxed oil and gas companies, resource companies, from 16 per cent down to 12 per cent on gross revenues. Then, this amount in taxation was not allowed to be deducted when the corporations computed their income tax returns. In effect, it was a form of double taxation.

During the three years following 1980, I wish to point out to the Hon. Member that the unemployment situation in Alberta went after 3 per cent to 13.5 per cent. We lost drilling rigs. We lost people who either went south of the border, to other countries, or who simply went belly-up. I wish to tell the Hon. Member that we can actually prove that 90,000 jobs were lost in the Province of Ontario due to the National Energy Program. Mr. Speaker, coming from that good province of Alberta, you are well aware of that point. We did not hand the oil companies \$8 billion. What we did is correct an injustice. We have taken national reconciliation upon ourselves. We have developed economic renewal. As a result of the new energy policies brought in by the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources (Miss Carney) some 25,000 jobs have been created in the energy sector. There will be spin-off jobs created for people living in Ontario and Quebec. Every automobile we buy comes from either Oshawa or Windsor. We buy cable and steel pipe from Hamilton.

I just wanted to correct what the Hon. Member for York West had to say. We have put people back to work. We have brought national reconciliation to the country.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Marchi: Mr. Speaker, I have every respect for the Hon. Member for Calgary South (Mrs. Sparrow). However, I just cannot believe that she can rise in her place and say that this Government has brought about national reconciliation.

Mrs. Sparrow: You bet we have!

Mr. Marchi: Where and when? Members of the Conservative Government should take a hard look at the message being sent out by Canadians.

Mr. McDermid: Take a look at the Atlantic Accord and the Western Accord.

Mr. Marchi: They can have special caucus meetings every single weekend for the next year to see how to patch up their deficiencies. It is a crock for Hon. Members to tell me and this House that they are under way with national reconciliation and economic renewal.

Income Tax Act, 1986

I would like Members opposite to address the workers, the poor, the families, women and senior citizens, and ask them if they think this country is under a form of economic renewal and reconciliation.

PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

[Translation]

SUBJECT MATTER OF QUESTIONS TO BE DEBATED

Mr. Deputy Speaker: It is my duty, pursuant to Standing Order 46, to inform the House that the questions to be raised tonight at the time of adjournment are as follows: The Hon. Member for Davenport (Mr. Caccia)—Environmental Affairs—Niagara River pollution (a) United States clean-up proposal. (b) Government position; the Hon. Member for Bow River (Mr. Taylor)—National Parks—Wildlife poaching—Harsher penalties; the Hon. Member for Spadina (Mr. Heap)—Energy (a) Refining capacity in Quebec—Government position. (b) Request for combines investigation.

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GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

INCOME TAX ACT AND RELATED ACTS

MEASURE TO AMEND

The House resumed consideration of the motion of Mr. Hnatyshyn (for the Minister of Finance) that Bill C-84, an Act to amend the Income Tax Act and related statutes and to amend the Canada Pension Plan, the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1971, the Financial Administration Act and the Petroleum and Gas Revenue Tax Act, be read the third time and passed.

Mr. John R. Rodriguez (Nickel Belt): As a matter of fact, Mr. Speaker, I was not here four years ago but I can tell you, the Member points to himself and says: "I was"—

Mr. McDermid: Yes.

Mr. Rodriguez: I want to tell you, Sir, without reading *Hansard* for the last four years, that he made speeches just like I heard from the Hon. Member for York West (Mr. Marchi). I am positive he made speeches like that.

It is six of one and half a dozen of the other. We call them the Bobbsey Twins of Bay Street but I think they are Siamese twins. Here the Tories are the Government and they do exactly